



ROBINSON MOURNERS: Members of the New Buffalo high school basketball team carry casket with body of teammate Gene (Tony) Robinson from Bethel A.M.E. church, Michigan City, Ind., where

funeral services were held yesterday afternoon with Rev. Robert Hearn officiating. Robinson died Monday after being shot in Chicago. (Don Wehner photos)

Grief, Not Cheers His Final Salute

New Buffalo Athlete Rests 'Far' From Street Violence

NEW BUFFALO — This quiet little city on the shore of Lake Michigan seems far removed from the violence across the lake in Chicago's teeming inner-city.

But hundreds of New Buffalo's residents turned out yesterday to honor the memory of one of their own who met death in the backwash of what is the contemporary "American tragedy."

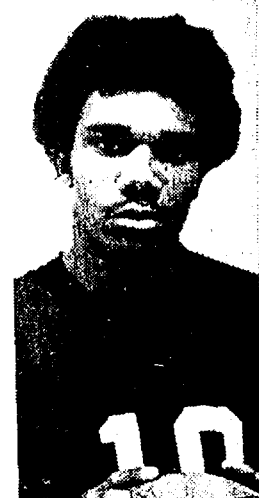
The victim was Gene A. Robinson, 16, New Buffalo high school senior, star athlete, good student, "good kid." The popular black youngster died Monday after being shot Sunday by an unknown

assailant as he waited in a southside Chicago train station for a ride home.

Seven years before his parents had moved with him to this community so their youngsters could escape the threats and influences of the Chicago ghetto. They established a home in nearby Union Pier, part of the New Buffalo school district.

"Tony" and a cousin who lived with him, Pierre F. Lyles, 16, enjoyed success and popularity at virtually all-white New Buffalo high school. Both were star athletes and good students.

Last weekend, they returned



GENE A. ROBINSON
They mourn him

to Chicago to attend a party for a friend. All went well. But waiting for a train early Sunday evening to return home

(See back page, sec. 1, col. 1)



GRAVESITE RITES: An estimated 500 classmates, friends and relatives gathered at Pine Grove cemetery, New Buffalo, for graveside services for Gene A.

Robinson of Union Pier, a senior at New Buffalo high school and outstanding athlete who died Monday after being shot in Chicago Sunday night.

\$200,000 Joke Wasn't Funny To Him

DETROIT (AP) — Lewis Grasli doesn't think the practical joke which convinced him he would win at least \$10,000

and possibly \$200,000 was very funny.

"Honest to God! If I ever see another lottery ticket lying

around I'm not going to look at it," said the 61-year-old Detroit janitor. "I'm not even going to pick it up. Honest to God!"

Grasli thought he was one of eight winners eligible for the \$200,000 drawing of the Michigan Lottery Thursday at Port Austin.

He wasn't. He wasn't even eligible for the \$10,000 minimum prize in the drawing. According to lottery officials, someone in the office where Grasli works apparently altered the numbers on a losing ticket and showed it around as a joke before tossing it out.

Grasli, not in on the joke, became its victim when he picked up the ticket while cleaning the Harry W. Dietert Co. office here.

"I saw it when I was emptying a wastebasket and put it in my pocket," he said.

The back of the ticket was unsigned, and when he saw it had the "winning numbers," Grasli checked with state officials as required and started thinking about his guaranteed \$10,000.

But a check before the drawing disclosed the ticket was altered.

"It was embarrassing," Grasli said.

"Honest to God! I wasn't try-

ing to bilk the state or cheat anybody. I just found the ticket. I don't think I did anything wrong, not intentionally.

Col. John Plants, head of the Michigan State Police, said Grasli "thought he had a good ticket. Nobody's under arrest."

It appears there was no fraudulent attempt.

But Grasli said he still has to undergo a lie detector test.

M. Clifford Anschultz, a 47-year-old East Tawas diemaker, winner of the \$200,000 prize, and the other winners won't have to undergo the test.

Lottery Commissioner Gus Harrison, who called the incident "unfortunate," said lottery officials knew in advance Grasli did not have a winning ticket.

"We had to see the so-called winning ticket for additional proof that an invalid claim was being made," he said.

But no one informed Grasli until after his hopes were built up.

"I was excited. I tell you, I wasn't eating and I wasn't sleeping," he said.

But Grasli, who says he spends "three or four bucks a week on tickets," said he will continue to buy them.

"I haven't had a winner yet, (See back page, sec. 1, col. 1)

RMGE. SALE—Clothes all sizes, misc. items. 1418 Church St., Baroda off Cleveland Ave., Fri. & Sat. Adv.



HE SAW IT: Sam Light of the Inner Circle of the Punxsutawney Groundhog club displays woodchuck that roused from his burrow, saw his shadow at 7:29 a.m. today, then immediately retreated for six more weeks of winter. Ritual is held every Feb. 2 on Gobbler's Knob at Punxsutawney, Pa., which bills itself as "Weather Capital of the World" because Groundhog Day originated here. He wasn't seeing his shadow in southwestern Michigan this morning, indicating that spring is just around the corner, according to Groundhog Day legend. (AP Wirephoto)



\$200,000 KISS: Mrs. M. Clifford Anschultz, right, plants a kiss on the cheek of her husband, a retired East Tawas diemaker, after he was named winner of the \$200,000 big prize in Thursday's Michigan State Lottery drawing at Port Austin. (AP Wirephoto)



LEWIS GRASLI

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THE HERALD-PRESS

Editorial Page

W. J. Banyon, Editor and Publisher
Bert Lindenfeld, Managing EditorWhat's George's
Is George's

Though Senator George McGovern took the worst pasting in history next to Barry Goldwater (39.3 per cent of the popular vote for President versus 39 for Barry), he accomplished one most creditable feat.

He worked up a mailing list for donations and broadcast appeals for contributions to his campaign. Between the two, principally through the mailing list, 640,000 Americans sent him \$35 million.

The response was so good that on the morning after the election he sold the mailing list to others to pay the relatively small debt hanging over from the campaign.

One customer is the New Populist Institute, another likely will be one of Ralph Nader's multitudinous public protection outfits, and one who would like to be a customer for free is the Democratic National Committee.

The Institute is the brainchild of Fred R. Harris, the ex-Senator, from Oklahoma who decided it would cost too much to run for re-election last year. Harris made a pass at the Presidential nomination but ran out of votes and coin of the realm before he really got started. He's since been on the lecture circuit, including a visitation last December to the Economic Club, talking for fees to pay off his campaign debts.

The Institute is tax reform outfit.

An affiliate, New Populist Action, Inc., is planning a Tax Day for April 16th. The hope is that 24 hours after the deadline for settling up with the IRS, the citizenry will stage demonstrations similar to the Earth Day of 1969 which dramatized the environmental conundrum.

It also is planning to publish a book entitled "People's Guide To Tax Loopholes," whose announced purpose is to show the working man how to pay less income tax.

Another plot is to set up a lobbying office in Arkansas, the home base of Cong. Wilbur Mills, chairman of the powerful House Ways and Means Committee, which is the bastion of federal spending and money raising.

The idea of raising home front pressure to prod Mills into drafting a tax reform measure to the Institute's liking reads suspiciously like a "whip Wilbur" move in the '74 primary if the redoubtable chairman does not respond in the manner preferred by Harris.

McGovern gave the Institute a bargain basement price of \$35 per 1,000 names for his list and Harris is hopeful he can go to the well with the same success as did the South Dakota Senator.

Nader probably will receive equally favorable treatment as will other groups fitting in with McGovern's wild schemes to save the country.

So far, however, George is not sharing his secrets with the Democratic National

Committee, nor its newly selected chairman, Robert Strauss, a political fund raiser in his own right.

He has rebuffed demands from Strauss to hand over the list as one bit of assistance in pulling the national organization out of hock.

Unlike McGovern and his associates, the National Committee owes a number of millions for airline travel, telephone tolls, advertising, convention expense and so on.

Strauss describes McGovern's rebuff as treating the national headquarters like "a tenant at will," and he claims some McGovern supporters are trying to establish their own organization within the party.

Strauss who ousted Mrs. Jean Westwood, McGovern's choice for national chairman in the few months between the July nomination and last December's post-election party reorganization session, views McGovern as a heretic.

"The McGovern faction," he told reporters, "wants to prevent the party from moving forward on a broad centrist basis which is where this Democratic party belongs. We can't afford the luxury of keeping people out."

McGovern may come to his senses and give in to Strauss' demand, although his first public utterance since a few interviews immediately following the November election sustain some doubts on that score.

This was a sour grapes speech before a London university audience two weeks ago in which he said the country is under a less than benign dictatorship as personified by Nixon and his own Democratic party is without leadership or principle.

George takes the attitude the list represents people who believe in him but not necessarily in the party.

His premise has much going for it because fund raising efforts through the party's established channels last year harvested very few apples. McGovern was forced to the personal appeal because the regular financial troops were not reporting for guard duty.

Another thought he is careful not to voice is the fear the regular organization may try to knock him off in the 1974 South Dakota primary.

Strauss can not afford to say it because it runs counter to his theory of the Democratic party being a widely spread shade tree for all viewpoints, but the regulars think McGovern is a stone around the albatross' neck.

They reason if McGovern retains any presence in the power structure the party will continue suffering from that turned off feeling George set up last year.

Consequently McGovern is holding on to his list as a bargaining weapon for next year.

Dreaming Of Spring
Just Comes Naturally

For the last month, winter has been so unseasonably warm in these parts that it really hasn't bothered anyone. Yet neither has it been warm enough to pursue the outdoor activities of summer.

The situation illustrates a sad truth. Except for residents of bona fide snow country, winter is a season to be endured, not enjoyed. But the frustration need not last three full months. When winter is

halfway over, it is permissible to dream of spring. That, certainly, is one purpose of Groundhog Day, which is upon us today.

Legend has it that winter will continue if the groundhog, or woodchuck, sees his shadow and scurries back to hibernation. If he doesn't, we can all look forward to a mild tailing off of winter and an early spring.

Actually, it is a rare groundhog that is up and about in early February of any year. The species usually goes underground in September and hibernates until March. But the original American colonists didn't know that when they chose the woodchuck as a substitute for the European hedgehog, which did its shadow-casting on Candlemas Day, Feb. 2. The hedgehog is a lighter sleeper and may venture from his burrow on any unseasonably warm winter day.

Perhaps the most heartfelt mid-winter observance of all takes place in the Arctic region of Norway. On Thursday, Feb. 8, the town Narvik will mount its annual Sun Pageant to mark the sun's reappearance in the far-northern skies after two months of total darkness. From that day forward the period of light will gradually increase until, in mid-summer, there are 24 hours a day of sunshine.

Narvik's summer sounds great for golfers, lousy for lovers!

Freedom March



GLANCING BACKWARDS

SCHOOLS CLOSED
BY SNOW

— 1 Year Ago —

Most schools in southwestern Michigan were closed, side roads were reported badly drifted, and driving conditions on main highways hazardous after snowfall last night that reached as much as 10 inches in Berrien county.

Officials from the Berrien county road commission said that all north-south roads were treacherous this morning. Most main roads were open, but abandoned cars and deep drifting plugged up many side arteries.

MANSION
RIPPED BY FLAMES

— 10 Years Ago —

Fire yesterday destroyed a vacant 22-room mansion at 135 Lake Shore drive, Stevensville. The loss was put at \$90,000.

EDITOR'S
MAILBAGAGAINST REZONING
ALONG NAPIER

Editor, I wish to express an opinion and will make it as brief as possible. To quote John Keats, "A thing of beauty is a joy forever!" Today, Napier Avenue is one of the busiest streets, free from obstruction from St. Joseph to the M-139 area. My spouse and I live in Benton Township and own more than three parcels of taxable land. We own the attractive property on the north side of Napier Avenue between Columbus and Broadway, part of which is vacant. It is a known fact that spot zoning is frowned upon and a change from present single family zoning to multiple dwellings (2-4 family) would be a much wiser decision for the area between Union and Colfax.

I ask that the Benton Township Board use good common sense and deny the request to rezone the property on the northwest corner of Union and Napier that would allow a used car lot and new auto agency. Used car lots are in no way attractive and when you allow one you have set the stage for more of the same and then the ultimate deterioration of a fine residential area. Let's consider the youth programs on the adjacent property. There is so much other open property already commercially zoned. Let's keep east and west Napier as beautiful as possible for those of us who like it here and want to live here.

I would also like to express my opinion regarding the rezoning of the property on Union for the purpose of a housing development. A complex of this nature so close to an elementary school is in bad taste. Let's think of the future of our youth rather than our own personal and selfish interests.

Again, I ask the board to use their BEST judgement and GOOD common sense on these decisions.

Herbert H. Nofke
383 East Napier Avenue
Benton Harbor.

The house, located on a private road about 1/4 mile from Lake Shore drive, was owned by Sahag Sarkisian, owner of the Snow Flake Motel. He is an oriental rug merchant. Fire equipment was unable to approach the scene as the road leading to the home was filled with snow when 18 firemen and equipment arrived.

CLOSING IN
ON KWAJALEIN

— 29 Years Ago —

The four-day-old United States invasion of the heart of the Marshalls, a tactical surprise so complete that a vital air base for bombers and fighters were captured in less than a day, threatened the Japanese today with imminent loss of a fine harbor.

The four-runway airfield at Roi, on the northern end of Kwajalein atoll, was overrun

the second day of invasion and on the same day that forces went ashore at that point. The deep anchorage of boomerang-shaped Kwajalein Islet on the southern end of Kwajalein Atoll is seriously menaced, with one third of the islet already in American hands.

NEW CUSTODIAN
— 39 Years Ago —

Alfred Nordberg has succeeded Fred Pahn as custodian at the Berrien county court house. Mr. Pahn has served as custodian there for 16 years. Mr. Nordberg was employed by the Engberg Electrical Co. here for many years.

DEDICATE ORGAN
— 49 Years Ago —

Sunday will be one of the big days in the history of Peter's Evangelical church when the parish gathers in that house of worship to dedicate its new Kilgen pipe organ.

TO INCORPORATE
— 59 Years Ago —

The Baroda Telephone company has filed articles of incorporation with the secretary of state. The corporation is capitalized at \$25,000.

OPENS STORE
— 83 Years Ago —

Walter Donaldson has leased Mr. Shepard's new store on State street and will put in a large stock of drygoods and gent's furnishings as soon as the room can be fitted with shelves and counters. Mr. Donaldson was for a long time connected with Martin's Palace of Trade and has a wide acquaintance in St. Joseph and vicinity.

To Bury Son

ATHENS (AP) — Aristotle Onassis' only son, Alexandros, will be buried on his father's island of Skorpios in the Ionian Sea, a spokesman for the family announced today.

BERRY'S WORLD



"Here's another 'Mom and Pop store' forced out of business. Pop ran off with a Playboy bunny and Mom is pursuing a career as a singer!"

Ray Cromley

Nixon Could Take
Lesson From LBJ

WASHINGTON (NEA) — Much is written about Lyndon Johnson as president. But his major claim to stature lies in his work as leader of the United States Senate. Especially in the Eisenhower years.

In that period, during most of which the Democrats held a majority in the Congress, Johnson's cooperation with President Eisenhower, a Republican, made possible the orderly process of government in most trying times.

This Johnson record as Senate leader of the opposition party is one both President Nixon and the present Congress might well study. Johnson in no way lessened his stature as a Democrat in cooperating with a Republican president. And Eisenhower in no way lowered his stature as a Republican in cooperating closely with a Democratic Senate leader.

This is a point not well understood these days. The Congress has a proper role as the writer of laws, watchdog of the Treasury and as a balance (and check) on the power of the president. But to carry partisanship to the extremes of late does no credit to the Senate or House.

The cake cuts both ways of course. Mr. Nixon, as the President, has omitted on too many occasions taking the leaders of the Congress really into his confidence. At times it

would appear that he would rather see legislation he's supporting defeated if success depended on working closely with the Democratic leadership on the Hill.

It is this mutual standoffishness (or suspicion) which has, more than anything else in recent years, given rise to claims the President has usurped the power of Congress.

If one studies the domestic and foreign actions of presidents over the past decades one finds repeated instances of strong independent action. Witness President Truman's military operations in Korea, President Kennedy's Cuban invasion and his naval blockade during the missile crisis, Franklin Roosevelt's actions in the year preceding U.S. entry into World War II.

A congressional majority and a president of the same political party, of course, has made understanding easier some of the time though not always.

Mr. Nixon, unlike Eisenhower, has no Johnson in the Congress. But then, neither did President Johnson. This lack (aside from Vietnam) was a major problem during his term of office.

Today, unfortunately, neither Congress nor the President seem in the mood to create a new Senator Johnson.

Marianne Means

Connally Leads

'Hollandaise' Poll



WASHINGTON — A Republican hostess polled her guests last week at one of those posh Georgetown candlelit dinners on their choice for President in 1976.

That is the way it is over the asparagus and hollandaise sauce in the capital these days. There is a lot more interest in guessing games about the President's possible successor than there is in talking about the next four years of what is routinely expected to be an uninspiring reign.

This highly unscientific dinner survey of eight guests produced five votes for ex-Secretary of Treasury John Connally. Surprisingly, Vice President Spiro Agnew did not get a single vote; the others were scattered among Sens. Robert Taft, Charles Percy, and William Brock.

The only reason this is interesting is the composition of the guest list, which consisted of relatively conservative present and former high-ranking GOP Administration officials, plus one GOP Congressman. And they overwhelmingly preferred a Democrat to Agnew.

The dinner group reflects a growing receptivity within the

normally narrow-based Republican Party to the concept of an outsider (or at least a former one) at the top of the ticket next time.

One of the most powerful influences restraining Connally from jumping parties was the disapproval of his mentor, the late President Lyndon Johnson. Now that deterrent is gone.

Friends believe that Connally will within the next few months either become a Republican or take the intermediate step of becoming a Democrat-independent, as Virginia Sen. Harry Byrd has done.

Connally's continuing close association with President Nixon has caused a rift in his relationship with Robert Strauss, Democratic National Committee chairman. The two have been chums since school days and remain in cordial communication, but they are no longer confidants.

Ironically, Strauss was opposed for the chairmanship by McGovernites on the grounds that he would stack the cards for a Connally Democratic Presidential bid. In truth, Strauss and Connally worked against each other during the Presidential campaign, Strauss raising money for Democratic Congressional candidates and Connally doing the same among Democrats for President Nixon.

Connally was furious when Strauss, flushed with the victory of his appointment as chairman, declared that the Democratic Party could never nominate a man who had not supported its most recent previous nominee. To placate his old friend, Strauss later modified his remarks to specifically invite Connally back into the party.

But Connally was not placated. He viewed the comments as an insult and it served to push him closer toward the Republican Party.

Vote For Jail
Prisoners Sought

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court has been asked to guarantee a vote for persons in jail awaiting trial or serving misdemeanor sentences.

The New York Civil Liberties Union, joined by the League of Women Voters, has asked the justices to rule on New York state's absentee-ballot laws.

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Proposed BH Ordinances Discussed

Real Estate Agents Tell Views

BY BILL RUSH
Staff Writer

Twin City area real estate agents told Benton Harbor city commissioners Thursday that it is difficult to sell homes in the city because most are outdated and because lending institutions won't finance them. Some also expressed fears that proposed ordinances requiring home purchase

disclosure of needed repairs and elimination of sale signs from lawns will make sales more difficult and perhaps chase real estate agents from the city.

About 15 real estate agents met Thursday with the three man legislative committee of the city commission to discuss the proposed ordinances. The committee consisted of

Commissioners F. Joseph Flaugh, Edmund Eaman and Edward Merrill as a stand-in for Daniel Chapman.

Most homes in Benton Harbor are frame and more than 20 years old and lending institutions consider them a poor risk, agents said. Also, buyers who could get loans are seeking sprawling, ranch-type homes not available in the Benton Harbor market.

Agents further noted that the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) has become more cautious in financing since the scandal in Detroit involving about one billion in foreclosures.

William Dillingham, of Dillingham real estate of St. Joseph, said the largest percentage of one and two family homes in Benton Harbor have been financed by federal programs with strict code guidelines. The city can't get stricter than the federal guidelines, he said, asking "what has it accomplished and can you better it?"

Dillingham and William Doolittle, of Doolittle real estate of St. Joseph, said the home purchase disclosure ordinance could result in everything being sold by land contracts. This could possibly sidestep the ordinance since the title wouldn't change hands until the last payment on the home is made.

Lending institutions don't even want to take FHA loans which have no risk since there is too much paperwork, Doolittle said.

In response to questions, Flaugh said there was no agreement yet on whether such

an ordinance should have the owner or the real estate agent notify the buyer of needed repairs. He said the ordinance could be patterned after a bill formerly in the state legislature.

Benton Harbor City Atty. Samuel Henderson said the house bill required persons making three or more sales transactions each year to disclose specific violations in homes of state and local codes, taxes on the home; cost of utilities and heating for the previous year; and when the home had previously been inspected. He said it applies to real estate agents and not homeowners.

The bill died in committee and has not been re-introduced into the house this session. Violations of the proposed ordinance would bring civil damages or voiding of the sale, Henderson said.

Walter Stefan, of Stefan real estate in St. Joseph, said the proposed ordinance could make it even more difficult to sell homes in the city. "Don't go overboard," he said.

Flaugh said he would only recommend such an ordinance to the commission if it is "workable, fair, and protects both buyer and seller."

In discussing the second proposed ordinance concerning elimination of real estate signs, Flaugh pointed out that homeowners could still have such signs in their windows.

Phillip Sexton, an area realtor, said the biggest problem the city faces is selling and keeping up homes. Signs produce the biggest response from buyers and help get the property sold which is better than having a deteriorating home sit vacant, he said. "There is no secret that houses are for sale in Benton Harbor."



PLAN BACHELOR QUEEN CONTEST: The Bachelor 14 club of Benton Harbor will hold a queen contest Feb. 25 with girls 16 through 18 eligible to enter. Applications will be accepted Sunday from 4 to 6 p.m. when a party for contestants will be held at the Model Neighborhood center, 809 Territorial road. Applications also are available at Benton Harbor high school and Dr. C. Bassett Brown's office, 407 South Fair avenue. Reviewing plans for the contest are Mrs. J. Darlene Hawkins, chairman, and Charles (Mickey) Yarbrough, president of Bachelor 14. Site of the contest will be announced later. (Staff photo)

Surgeon Opens Office In St. Joe

Dr. Alfonso Lopez, a general surgeon, announced today his office, at 1600 Niles avenue, St. Joseph, opened Thursday.

Office hours will be by appointment only. His practice will be limited to general surgery.



DR. ALFONSO LOPEZ

Dr. Lopez obtained his medical degree from the Memorial Medical center in Quezon City, Philippines. After an internship at the Edgewater hospital, Chicago, he took a three-year residency in general surgery at the Veterans hospital, Fort Howard, Maryland, and an additional two-year residency in general surgery at the Saginaw Cooperative hospitals, Saginaw. After this period, he spent the last year as a staff physician at the Veterans hospital in Saginaw.

Dr. Lopez, his wife and three children, John Vincent, 6; Julie, 3 1/2; Alfonso III, 2 1/2, reside at 2833 Marilyn avenue, St. Joseph.

His office telephone number is 983-0215 and home number is 429-8300.

POOR PEOPLE SUE. DETROIT (AP) — Detroit Edison Co. is being sued for \$180 million by a group claiming the utility discriminates against poor people by not giving them the same rates large users get.

'Red God Of Happiness' Missing

If you happen to see a "red god of happiness" with an injured foot wandering around, don't be alarmed. Just call Berrien sheriff's officers.

Ho Tei Budda, described as a foot tall and weighing nine pounds, is missing.

Mrs. Lawrence Grover, of 1384 Trebor road, St. Joseph township, told deputies the statue was stolen from the back yard of her residence sometime this past week.

Officers said the missing "god" is made of plaster, and valued at \$15.

SJ Grad Receives Master's

Lee Gast Jr., 27, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Gast, 2217 Wilson Court, St. Joseph, has received his master of business administration degree from the University of Iowa.

A graduate of St. Joseph high school, Gast received his bachelor of science degree in engineering from Western Michigan university in 1969.

He is employed at the United States Army weapon command, Rock Island Arsenal, Rock Island, Ill.

He resides with his wife, Elaine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Vanderbeck of St. Joseph, and their two children in Davenport, Ia.



LEE GAST JR.

Bumper Stickers Will Welcome POW's Home

Stores selling POW bracelets will receive bumper stickers next week saying "Welcome Home POW's."

The bumper stickers will contain a tear-off section with blue and white stars. The white star goes on bracelets with names of POW's or MIA's (Missing in Action) who are listed as coming home. The blue star is to be worn on bracelets until the unlisted POW or MIA is accounted for or comes home.

Mrs. Susan Falvey, a volunteer with the VIVA (Voices in Vital America) bracelet program, said persons with bracelets will be able to obtain the bumper stickers at the beginning of next week. Stores will continue selling bracelets for POW's and MIA's not accounted for.

Bracelets and bumper stickers may be obtained at James Lee Gift shop in St. Joseph, Terry's and Fox Jewelers at Fairplain Plaza, Castle's Jewelry in Buchanan, Falvey's Clothing store in Niles, and from Rev. Meredith Rupe of the United Methodist church of Three Oaks and Mrs. Falvey at 1042 Willow Drive in St. Joseph.

The program will continue until the last POW is accounted for, Mrs. Falvey said.



WESTERN UNION BACK IN B.H.: Western Union closed its Wall street, Benton Harbor, office last September, but WU service returned Thursday as an agency office under local management at 145 Pipestone street. Owner is businessman Rex Sheeley (right) and manager is Mrs. Jessie Smith of Benton Harbor. Mayor Charles Joseph was on hand for start of service, which includes money orders. Weekday hours are 8:30 to 5:30, and on Saturdays they are 9 until noon. (Staff photo)

St. Joe Neighborhood Will Decide On Dental Clinic

St. Joseph Planning Commission Thursday instructed Dr. E. H. Ward, St. Joseph dentist, and Realtor David Fister, his agent, to gather evidence of neighbor approval for a dental clinic on Cleveland avenue in St. Joseph.

The planning commission indicated it would look favorably on a professional

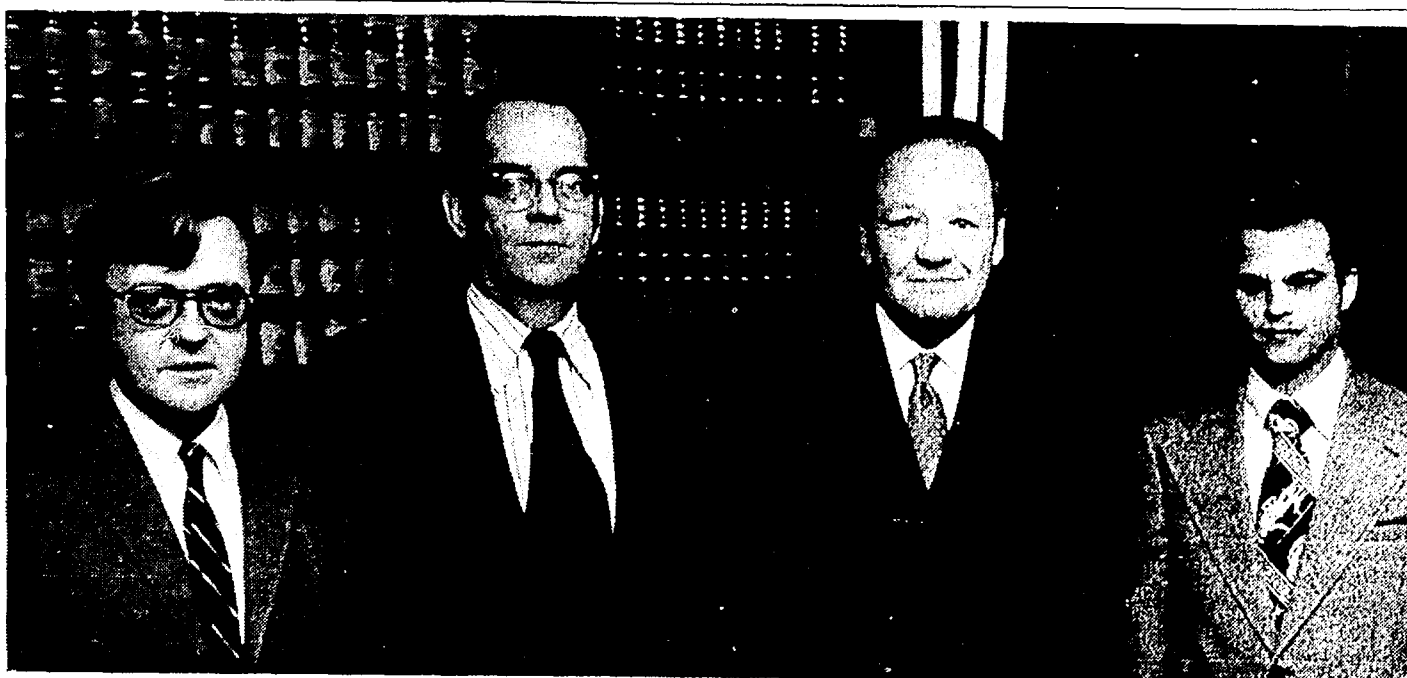
building but wanted to hear neighbors' reaction. They also said they wanted to see a sketch of the proposed building.

Several years ago a proposal by a developer to build an apartment house on the site drew considerable opposition. The lot, 125 feet along Cleveland avenue, and 233 feet deep, is about opposite the

Blue Lake Texaco Service station.

Dr. Ward seeks a special use permit.

The planning commission continued reviewing city ordinances and regulations. A final report to St. Joseph City commission on recommending changes of the present rules may be months away.



ADD FOURTH PARTNER: Atty. F. Ronald Postelli (right), has been named a full partner in what now becomes the law firm of Hartwig, Crow, Jones and Postelli of Benton Harbor. Attys. Joseph D. Hartwig

(second from right) and John Crow (second from left) formed the firm in 1956 and added Atty. F.A. "Mike" Jones (left) as a partner in 1964. (Staff photo).

F. Ronald Postelli

BH Law Firm Adds 4th Partner

A 17-year-old Benton Harbor law firm has added a fourth member, Atty. F. Ronald Postelli to become Hartwig, Crow, Jones and Postelli.

Postelli, 29, an employee of the firm since Jan. 1970, became a full partner as of last month. He has been working three days a week in the firm's Watervliet branch office.

A native of Benton Harbor, Postelli graduated from Benton Harbor high school in 1961 and the University of Michigan in 1965 with a degree in mechanical engineering. He

won his law degree from the University of Michigan three years later and then practiced patent law with a Detroit firm for two years.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Postelli of Territorial road, Benton township, Postelli is married to the former Annette Coniglio of Benton Harbor. They reside at 2367 Shoreham drive, Shoreham, with their two children, Gina, 4, and Katherine, 5 months. Attys. Joseph Hartwig and John Crow, both of St. Joseph, founded the firm as a part-

nership in 1956. Atty. F.A. "Mike" Jones, of St. Joseph, joined the firm in 1961 and became a full partner in 1964.

The firm has expanded as a result of what Crow calls either having "to grow or die." When the firm becomes too heavy the firm adds an extra man. "We don't like to turn work away," Crow said, "because that's a good way to die."

"When the dust settles we might even bring in another man," Crow said. "Although right now we are locked in physically and need more of-

ice space." The firm's offices are located above the Inter-City bank building in Benton Harbor.

An employee becomes a partner after he builds up his own practice while working for the firm and generates a sufficient income to shift over to a partnership, Crow explained.

Crow grew up in St. Joseph, graduated from the University of Michigan law school in 1949, practiced law in Kalamazoo for 18 months and then opened a Benton Harbor law office in 1950. He specializes in

municipal law and condemnations and is the attorney for St. Joseph township.

Hartwig is a native of New Jersey and came to Benton Harbor in 1947 after graduating from Harvard law school. He specializes in tax law.

Jones is a native of Lansing and graduate of Wayne State university law school. He is currently attorney for Benton township and served in a similar capacity from 1963 to 1970. He is also past chairman of the Berrien county Republican party. He specializes in municipal law.

FEB. 28 DEADLINE

Benton Waives Tax Penalty

Benton township residents who pay their property taxes between Feb. 15 and 28 will not have to pay the three per cent penalty fee that normally becomes effective Feb. 15. The township board authorized Treasurer James Culby to waive the penalty.

Culby announced his office in the township building, 1725 Territorial road, is open daily Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. for the collection of taxes, the filing of senior citizen and disabled veterans homestead exemptions, and for the sale of dog licenses.

For the benefit of persons who cannot visit his office during the weekday schedule, he said it will be open on two Saturdays, Feb. 17 and 24, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The final date to pay 1972 property taxes is Feb. 28. After that they become delinquent and the three per cent penalty will be added and they will be payable only at the county treasurer's office.

Lakeshore Residents Seek Aid From Guard

By DAVE ANDREWS
Staff Writer
The Lakeshore Property Owners Association at a meeting Monday in Lansing will ask for "emergency assistance" from the Michigan National Guard in event of future storm damage to shoreline property and support

from the state for "pilot projects" offering new approaches to control erosion. The meeting, arranged by Rep. Harry Gast (R-St. Joseph) is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. in the eighth floor conference room of the Stevens T. Mason building. Expected to attend the session are state and federal officials, representatives of stone and shipping companies, and shoreline property owners. An eight-point program of help will be asked from the state, according to Frank Lahr of Stevensville, temporary chairman of the Lakeshore association. The group includes

property owners in Lincoln, St. Joseph, Lake Benton, New Buffalo, Hagar and Chikaming townships, the villages of Michiana and Harbert, and cities of Bridgman and New Buffalo.

The eight-point list of "goals" of the association includes:

1. That the state exert every effort to reduce the level of the lower Great Lakes through elimination of solids dumping, increasing diversion through the Chicago river and restricting flow from Canadian watersheds;

2. That the governor provide emergency assistance from the Michigan National Guard, as is done in Indiana, in event of future storm damage to shoreline properties;

3. That the Small Business Administration recognize the severe loss of property from Nov. 14 and Jan. 28 storms and designate Berrien county as a disaster area along its shoreline;

4. That public agencies, such as the Water Resources commission and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, support pilot projects offering new approaches to control shoreline erosion;

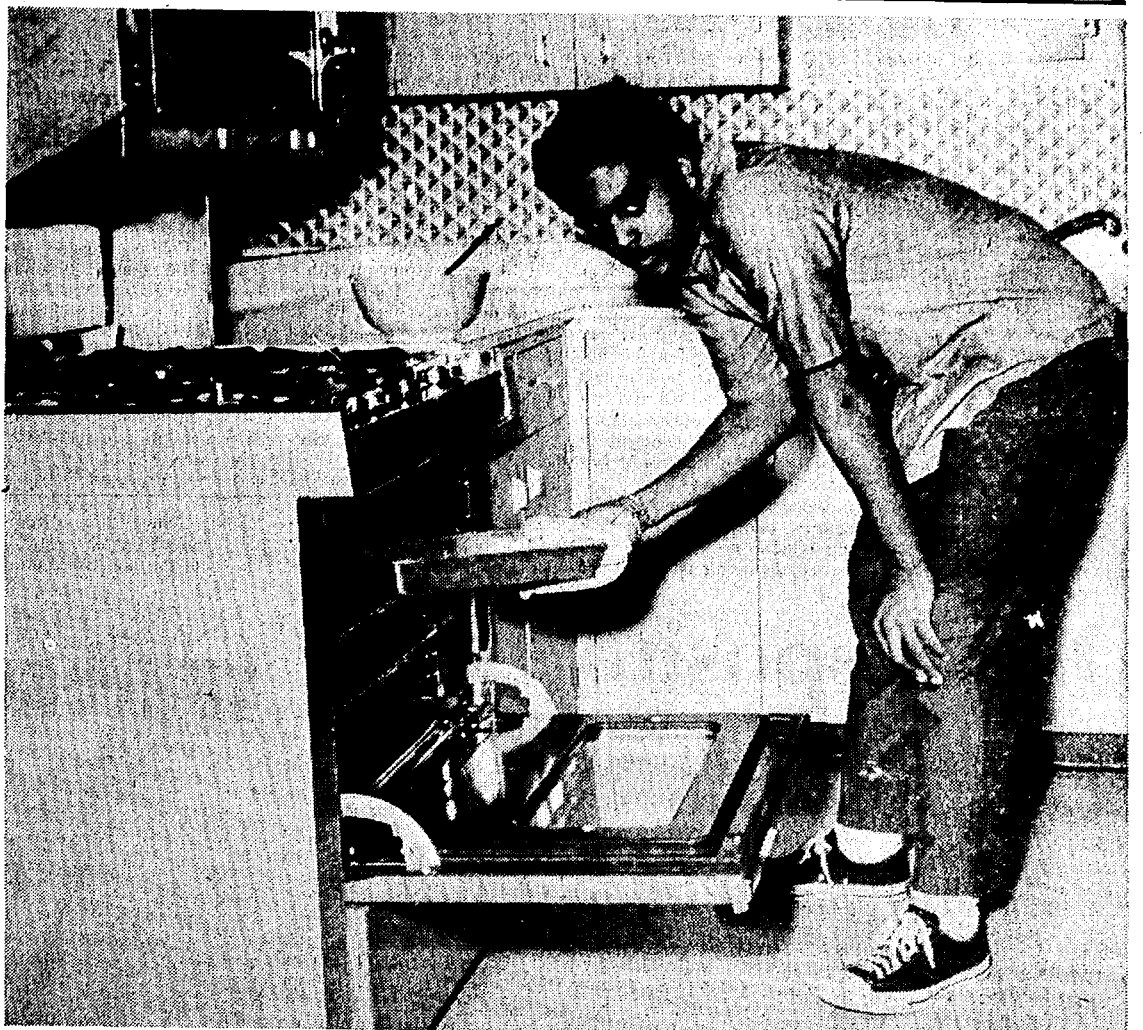
5. That such projects begin at once and that their effectiveness be carefully observed by qualified public agencies;

6. That results of such projects be widely disseminated;

7. That guidelines be clarified to specifically exempt such structures from property tax;

8. That the state encourage long term, low interest loans by the federal government to individuals who invest in shoreline protective measures.

Lahr indicated that a group of Grand Mere area property owners have pledged \$15,000 in matching funds and hope to obtain a "pilot project" aimed at reducing shoreline damage.



HOMEMAKER OF TOMORROW: John Taylor, a senior in South Haven's high school, has been named the school's "Homemaker of Tomorrow" in annual

Betty Crocker competition. Victory makes him eligible to compete in state and national contest competition. He defeated nine girls for title. (Tom Renner photo)

False Alarms Plague Police

BY BRANDON BROWN
Staff Writer
Berrien county police agencies have the bank false-alarm blues, according to Sheriff Forrest "Nick" Jewell.

He sent a letter to some 22 banks across the county Thursday asking them to exercise more care around alarm equipment to cut the number of false alarm runs that totaled 125 in 1972, an average of one every three days.

"If they would be more careful, they would eliminate about 99 per cent of the false alarms," the sheriff said.

He sent a similar reminder to banks and businesses a year ago because in the first 16 days of 1972, 23 false business and bank alarms were recorded. The sheriff said he doesn't want to deter bank employees from touching off alarms deliberately when they feel trouble is brewing. But he adds:

"If these were people pressing the alarm, you wouldn't mind it. In most cases, it's carelessness." Perhaps employees would be



STALAGMITES ON NORTH PIER: The wind storm last Sunday created this unusual scene on the north pier at St. Joseph. (Photo by Walter M. Booth)

more careful if they knew the chain of events a bank alarm touches off, Jewell said. First, the police agency keyed to the alarm goes on the alert. That agency broadcasts it to others, and the sheriff's department broadcasts it to yet more.

The state police alert departments across southwestern Michigan and northern Indiana.

Meanwhile, patrol cars—sometimes from as many as four departments—go racing to the bank.

"We never know when it's going to be the real thing," the sheriff says. "Several times, it has."

Northern Berrien county and Niles-area banks are the worst offenders, the sheriff says. He notes the likeliest times for false alarms is at bank openings and closings.

As he ended his interview with a newsman Thursday, the sheriff's radio dispatcher broadcast notice of a bank alarm at Scottdale. It was a false alarm.

'Too Many Chiefs', Says LMC Faculty

BY JERRY KRIEGER
County-Farm Editor
Charging that the college is already top-heavy with administrators, the Lake Michigan college faculty at a meeting Thursday unanimously adopted a motion opposing the appointment of two new administrators at the school.

The college currently is accepting applications and arranging interviews for candidates interested in either of two new dean of instruction posts according to a statement issued after the meeting.

Meanwhile, long-stalled negotiations toward a teaching contract for the 1972-73 school year are scheduled to resume

this afternoon. The faculty, represented in contract bargaining by the LMC Federation of Teachers has been teaching without a contract to date this year. Negotiations broke down early last fall and mediation and fact-finding were undertaken by the state department of labor.

In opposing the appointments of two new deans of instruction, the faculty statement noted that there are presently 20 non-teaching administrators, and eight division chairmen who teach in addition to their administrative duties.

(The division chairmen, with one exception, actually teach full loads and are paid \$1,000 annually for certain administrative duties, according to LMC Executive Vice President Walter Browne.)

"The two new appointments would bring the administrative staff of the college to a total of 30, while there are only fifty-six full-time instructors. A ratio of one administrator to every 1.9 full-time teacher borders on the incredible in this day and age of decreasing enrollments and financial accountability," the statement continued.

Job descriptions for the new deans were made available for the first time last week, the faculty statement said, despite the fact that approval of the positions was granted by the LMC board of trustees in June, 1972.

The job descriptions, the statement continued, "are virtually duplicates of those affecting the current division chairmen, and the base salary costs of the new administrators will amount to well over

\$30,000. With fringe benefits and secretarial help, the true cost will probably be over \$50,000."

"Once again, the college administration has displayed its perverted sense of educational priorities. They have arbitrarily slashed previously approved instructional budgets for classroom supplies and equipment and, at the same time initiated an extensive search to fill two unnecessary and most expensive administrative posts. Considering the potential educational benefits of needed materials the faculty has no alternatives but to vigorously oppose these superfluous administrative positions."

"It is ridiculous that this institution cannot afford basic educational supplies, but can find the money to hire additional administrators. We also feel that residents of the college district should be concerned about the excessively high administrative costs at LMC, especially when compared to other community colleges."

The faculty statement continued:

"Attempts to obtain job descriptions for these positions have met with no success because they were nonexistent until very recently. The president and other administrators have indicated that the board of trustees approved the creation of these posts without any idea of the duties and responsibilities involved in them. The faculty strongly objects to this obvious lack of administrative



PRIEST DIES: Funeral services are planned Monday for the Rev. Joseph Whelan, 66, pastor of St. Paul Roman Catholic Church in Owosso for the past 19 years. He was a highly-decorated chaplain with the Michigan National Guard's 12th regiment during World War II. This picture was taken about 14 years ago. (AP Wirephoto)

organization, rational planning, and responsible trusteeship. It would appear that LMC will have two new and expensive administrators to do jobs already being done while instructional needs are languishing and will continue for years."

Three Oaks Barn Burns

THREE OAKS — Fire destroyed a large frame barn at the William Ackerman residence, Spring Creek road, yesterday afternoon, according to Three Oaks department firemen.

Firemen reported they were called about 4 p.m. and that they were on the scene about six hours.

Cause of the fire has not been determined, firemen said. No estimates were made of damage.

Barn was filled with hay and straw and some farm equipment, firemen reported.

Farm is former John Ackerman farm now owned by Ackerman Enterprises Inc. of Three Oaks.

Student Is Top Homemaker South Haven Youth Turns Tables On Women's Lib

BY TOM RENNER
South Haven Correspondent
SOUTH HAVEN — A local high school student has proven that women's liberation is a two-way street.

John Taylor, a senior at L.C. Mohr high school, has been named the local school system's Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow after defeating nine other students — all girls — in the test.

Taylor, a National Merit Scholarship semi-finalist who plans to pursue a law career at the University of Michigan next fall, added insult to injury by

the fact that he has never taken a homemaking course.

"It started as a joke, but there are a lot of things in the test that most people should know about," he said.

Besides, "What with women's lib, I thought I'd take a stab for the male side."

Taylor, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Taylor, 222 North Shore drive, South Haven, is eligible to enter state and national competition.

The test taken by Taylor and the other contestants concentrated on various aspects of family life including child care,

nutrition, home repairs, finances, pollution and clothing care. The contestants also wrote an essay on permissiveness in child raising.

The 17-year-old youth has two younger sisters who he says have given him insight into child raising.

"If a child has no guidance he is disoriented and has no sense of right or wrong," he said, explaining his thoughts on the essay topic.

The Betty Crocker winner says he enjoys cooking, especially breakfasts. He said

his favorite recipe is scrambled eggs because there are so many things that can be added to eggs, like meat, fish, poultry and even vegetables.

"There are more opportunities to experiment with breakfasts than any other meal," he says.

"Ever tried adding food coloring to pancakes," he asks. "It makes a whole different thing."

Boys have been able to take the Betty Crocker exam for only the past two years. The national winner will be determined in April.

Berrien Fruit Growers Oppose Double Fast Time

BY ALAN AREND
Staff Writer

BERRIEN SPRINGS — Members of the Berrien County Horticultural society passed resolutions during their annual meeting here Thursday opposing "double" fast time and encouraging Michigan State university to put forth all possible efforts to develop a new strawberry variety adaptable to mechanical harvesting.

The southwestern Michigan agricultural community has long been opposed to fast time due to reported detrimental effects it has on harvesting and

marketing of crops. Members of the horticultural society threw their support in resolution form Thursday behind any group or persons working for a remedy of the situation.

The area's strawberry industry is also in trouble, because migrant labor has dwindled during the past few years, and no mechanical harvester has yet been developed that can pick strawberries adequately for processing and the fresh market.

The area sorely needs a new strawberry variety that will

ripen uniformly for mechanical harvesting. Efforts have been underway several years in various parts of the country to develop harvesters.

In other business conducted during the annual meeting held at the Youth Memorial Building here, officers of the county horticultural society were elected for 1973.

Albert Weckwerth, 48, of Route 4, Benton Harbor, was elected president, replacing Robert Morlock of Watervliet, whose term expired.

Other officers elected for 1973 were: David Kugle of Berrien Springs, vice president; Richard Skibbe of Eau Claire, secretary; and Jerry Willmang of Watervliet, treasurer.

Three other resolutions were passed by society members. They were:

— Commendation to Michigan State university for its initiative of a marketing research program in 1972, and urged those responsible to continue the program.

— Commended State Senator Charles O. Zollar of Benton Harbor for his efforts in the development and passage of Senate Bill 1225, the Agricultural Bargaining Act.

— Commended the Michigan Pesticide Association for its

support of various programs including MSU's research efforts in regard to pest management and integrated control programs for insects; concerns with the problems of the users of agricultural pesticides as those problems relate to application, storage and safety; and involvement in trying to solve pesticide container disposal problems on the farm.



ALBERT WECKWERTH
New President

Welfare Cheats On Notice

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) — Welfare cheaters have the rest of the month to arrange to repay the money they've illegally received or face prosecution for fraud, Oakland County Prosecutor L. Brooks Patterson said Thursday.

But Patterson, pointing out there are 25,000 people on welfare in the county, added, "with our staff we can never investigate them all."

Persons receiving illegal welfare funds,

he said, fall into two categories: those who lied to get the money or those who got it through honest mistakes or bureaucratic errors.

Patterson said the names of those reporting the "mistakes" during February will not be released.

Prior to the statement Patterson announced indictments against 14 persons charged with fraudulently obtaining \$19,673 in welfare money.